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JUDY is seven today. She has been counting the days until this special birthday. Because now she can be a Brownie Scout! A girl must be seven years old, and in the second grade, to become a Brownie.

Learning About the Brownies

Judy went to four troop meetings to learn about Brownies. Now she knows the Brownie salute and handshake. All over the world, when Brownies meet, they shake hands with the left hand and salute with the right.

There are sixteen girls in Judy's troop. They all learned the Brownie Promise. This is the Promise: "I promise to love God and my country, to help other people every day, especially those at home."

The First Meeting

At the first meeting there were lots of things to decide.

"When shall we have our meetings?" said Mrs. Woods, one of the leaders.

"Monday, right after school," the girls decided.

"What shall we do?" asked the assistant leader.

"Let's have lots of picnics!" "Hikes!" "Outdoor games!" said the girls.

Everyone agreed that this Brownie troop would have lots of fun.

Shopping Day

Next day was shopping day for Judy and her mother. They went to a big department store and bought a light brown uniform with a brownie on the pocket. Then they bought a Brownie beanie and socks and Judy's troop numerals.

Judy was very proud and pleased when she looked in the mirror.

What Are the Brownies?

Do you know how Brownies got their name? Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who started Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, lived in England. In English fairy tales there are make-believe little people called brownies. Brownies work while people sleep. Lord Baden-Powell named the youngest Scouts "Brownies" to remind them to help others. He had an American friend who helped with Girl Scouting in England. When she came home she started the first troop in the United States. Her name was Juliette Low.

The Investiture

At last it was the day of the Investiture—the day when the girls become real Brownies.

There is a famous story about a girl who was searching in the woods for a brownie. She looked in a pond and there she saw one. It was herself! For the investiture Judy's troop acted out the story. They used a mirror for a pool and green pine branches for woods. Each girl had a turn to discover that she was the Brownie in the pool.

Soon Judy's turn came. After she had seen herself in the pool Judy told her leader she was ready to be a useful Brownie, and she made her Promise. Then the leader pinned a Brownie pin on Judy's dress collar and they saluted.

Judy's mother was there to see her. She felt very proud of Judy.

Making New Friends

Everyone is hungry after school. The girls take turns bringing cookies or fruit to have at the beginning of the meeting. Today is Judy's turn to be hostess. She likes this part of the meetings because she makes new friends. There are girls in the troop who are not neighbors and are not in her class in school. But because they are Brownies in Judy's troop, she has a chance to make friends with them.

The Flag Ceremony

Today Judy's troop is having a flag ceremony.

There are two large flags—an American flag and a brown and yellow troop flag.

It is Judy's turn to be in the color guard. There are four girls in a color guard—two girls to carry flags and two to walk each side of them. The other Brownies form a half-circle, salute the flag and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

They love singing songs such as "The Star-Spangled Banner." A flag ceremony makes everyone feel good.

A Walk in the Woods

One day the Brownies went for a walk in the woods.

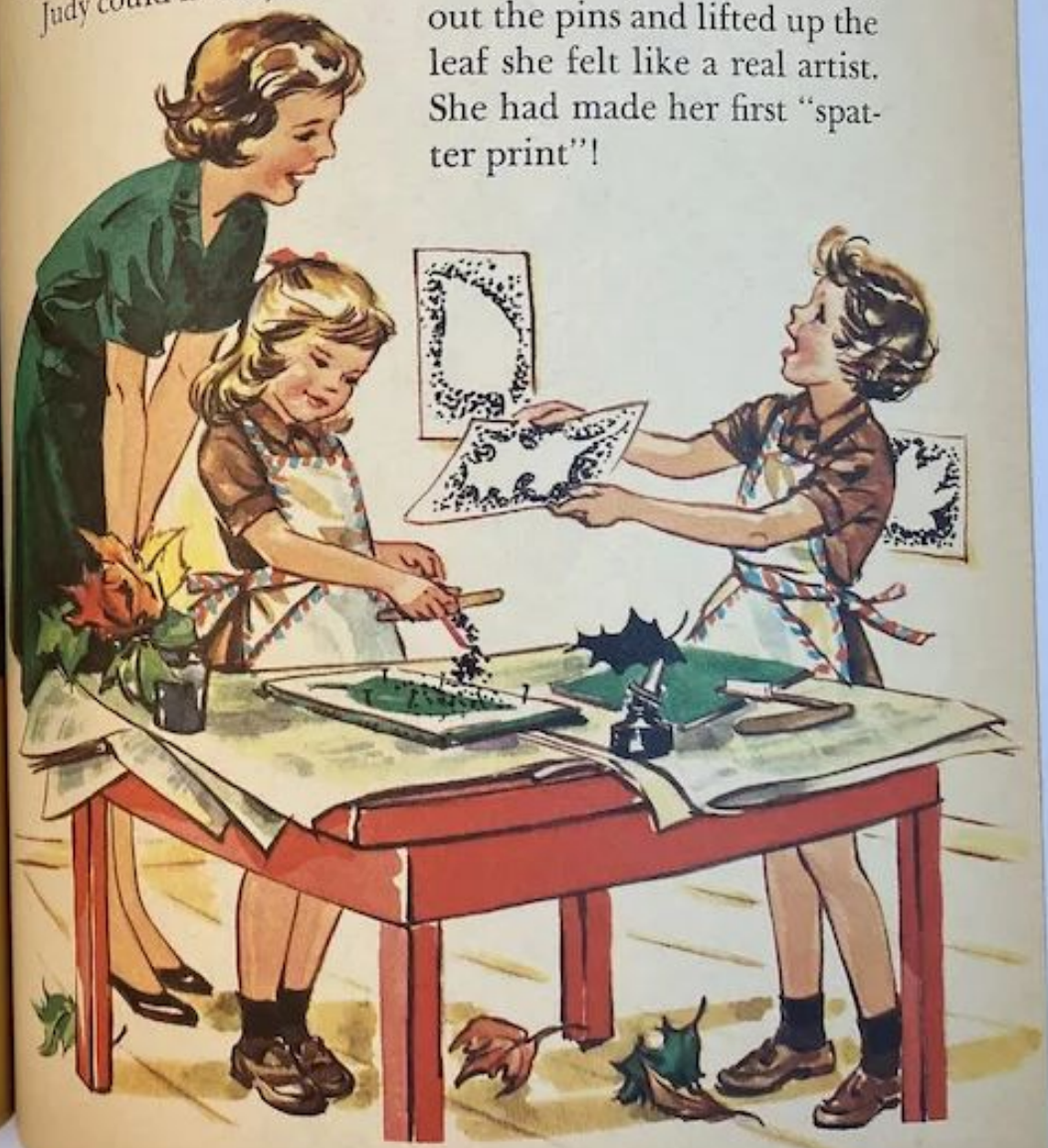
"Let's see how many different kinds of leaves we can find," said the leader.

The Brownies found so many that not even the leaders knew all the names of the leaves.

Making Spatter Prints

At the next meeting the leaders showed the girls how to pin the leaves to bright-colored paper, and how to use old toothbrushes and small sticks to spatter ink on and around the leaves.

Judy could hardly wait for the ink to dry. When she took out the pins and lifted up the leaf she felt like a real artist. She had made her first "spatter print"!



The Puppet Show

"Let's have a puppet show!" Betty said one day. "Carol knows how to make cardboard puppets. I can show you how to make a potato-head puppet, with a carrot for his nose!"

There are all kinds of puppets. Jane made paper-bag puppets with painted faces and wool hair. The leaders showed how to make puppets with dolls' heads.

When the puppets were made, the Brownies gave a puppet show for all their brothers and sisters.

Brownies All Over the World

An exciting visitor came to one of Judy's troop meetings. She came from India and wore a draped robe called a "sari." She talked to the girls and showed them pictures of Brownies all over the world. In India they are called Bulbuls, or *Blue Birds*, in South America *Sunbeams* and in Brazil *Fairies*.

This is the Brownie World Pin, which is worn by Brownie Scouts in every part of the world. It shows they are all friends.

A Brownie Hike

Judy kept her eyes and ears wide open on Brownie hikes. She listened to the songs of many different birds. She learned to know the leaves and berries of poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac, which are not safe to touch. She watched animals. She learned the points of the compass and how to find her way by using it. Soon she knew how to lay trails with sticks and stones, just as the Indians did.

After their hike the troop ate lunch. Judy had brought hers tied in a bandanna. Then the girls sang "Make New Friends," and "The Brownie Smile Song," and other favorites. They played Brownie games, too—"Honey Bear" and "Squirrel in the Tree" are the ones Judy likes best.

The Folk-Dance Party

One day Linda said, "My sister Mary has invited our troop to a folk-dance party!"

Mary was an Intermediate—Scouts ten to thirteen years old are called Intermediates. Mary's troop was trying to earn the Folk-Dance Badge. They taught the Brownies a gay Swedish dance, "Hey, Little Lassie."

But best of all were the Swedish cookies that they had baked themselves!

Senior Scouts

Another day two Senior Scouts came to a Brownie meeting and taught Judy's troop how to make apple sauce. When it cooled they ate it, of course! Other Senior Scouts taught them "Skip to My Lou," "Little Red Handkerchief," and other singing games and dances. Senior Scouts are older than Intermediates. They are thirteen to eighteen years of age. They help Brownie troops, and work in hospitals and offices.

Pets

Judy's troop took a walk one day to see each other's pets. Beth's dog had five puppies so tiny their eyes were still closed. Betty and Carol showed their three fluffy kittens. Sarah had a hamster. Some girls had turtles, others had parakeets and goldfish. Each told how she took care of her pet and what she fed it.

Mary's pets were wild birds — thrushes, sparrows, bluejays — all eating together out of a bird feeder, as friendly as could be!

Brownie Trips

Judy's troop made many exciting trips. Often some of the girls' mothers came along to help. One day they went to an airport and were taken inside a huge plane. A man from the airport told them all about the planes, the control tower and the landing field.

On another trip they visited a dairy to see how butter and ice cream are made. You can be sure that they tried the ice cream. It was good!

On a visit to a greenhouse the owner gave each girl a pansy plant in a tiny pot. He told the Brownies how to help at home by caring for house plants.

Helping Others

Rainy meeting days are good times to help others. One day each Brownie filled a kit for a sick child in a hospital. Judy made a paper-bag puppet for her kit, with extra bags, crayons and wool for hair, so the child could make more puppets. Sally cut pictures from calendars, pasted them on cardboard and cut them into pieces to make easy puzzles. Ann filled a scrapbook with jokes and riddles.

One Year Old!

When June comes the Brownies do not meet once a week. But they do have more time for outdoor fun together—cookouts and picnics and hikes. Judy and some of her friends will go to Girl Scout Day Camp and make lots of new friends. And in the fall the Brownies will have their Scout troop birthday party! It will make one full year of Scouting. Each Brownie will get a membership star and there will be a birthday cake. There will be something else —a wonderful feeling of being together again. Judy can hardly wait!

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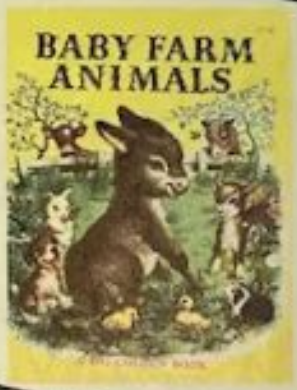

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